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SERMONETTE

HOLY DISTRESS

We read that in the last days there shall be "Distress of nations...men's hearts failing them for fear." This is the distress that comes because of war, famine, and pestilence.

But there is another kind of distress that comes directly from God. Abraham had it, Moses had it, and Paul had it when they agonized for their people. Easy-going Christians know little, or nothing, about this "holy distress." They are content to drift with the tide and say "Nothing can be done! What is, has to be!" But, here and there, in each generation, God raises up an extraordinary saint who dares to "stand in the gap" and turn the tide. Not until a man becomes dissatisfied with his present attainments, will he stir himself to improve. Apathy is a greater sin than blasphemy. Indifference will hinder progress more than drunkenness. Better make blunders in trying to correct an evil, than sit back and wonder why it could not have been done a different way. Every mighty demonstration and every far-reaching answer to prayer was brought about because some one lived ahead of his sluggish brethren, sought a vision and cried mightily to God until something happened.

Occasionally, thank God, we find a person who shakes himself and declares he will not be content to live on the same plane with the generality of people. He turns to his account adverse winds and compels them to drive him to his desired port. He capitalizes his failures and profits by his defeats until men and devils feel ashamed that they ever tried to hinder him.

Friend, God is waiting, yea, anxious, to release His power, but He will not do so until some one arises and announces with holy anguish that through Divine Grace, "Something shall come to pass." Will You be the One?

— returns from conference —

Meeting minister friends, sharing together the mutual experiences of the Center Churches, exchanging spiritual blessings, and vowing anew the task of making Christ known, rendered a stimulus to your pastor to be more fit to serve our Church.

--Rev. Paul Nagano--

D.V.B.S. PROGRAM —

Daily Vacation Bible School will be brought to a close this week with many plans for a rousing finish.

"Decision Day," a special day for the children to personally decide for Christ has been tentatively set for the following days; Roku, II Tuesday; Roku II Wednesday; and Roku I, Thurs day. Rev. Nagano will be the evangelistic speaker at these sessions.

Friday morning the closing exercises will be held at Chapel

II at 8:30. The individual awards will be presented. The handcraft work of the children will also be exhibited there. Parents of the children will be invited to this program.

Teachers and pupils will all go to the river for a picnic on Saturday, bringing this summer's Daily Vacation School to a joyful end.

Teachers--don't forget special early morning prayer circles on the three "Decision Days" for our children.

DEDICATED TO

ALICE WAKE

Choir directress and deaconess--leaving for Cleveland tomorrow

God bless you, Alice

TESTIMONY

"And I know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." How true has this scriptural promise proved to all of us who have found the Lord as we look back upon our past lives. Surely this evacuation has proved such a blessing as none of us shall ever forget.

As I observe the daily walk of other Christians round about me, I thank my Lord for those who so faithfully are keeping their lamps trimmed and ever brightly shining the love of Christ for all mankind. Let us ever keep shining strong and clear, that the power of the Holy Spirit may be clearly seen in each of our lives! Present opportunities will never come again.

Only one life

It will soon be past
Only what's done for Christ
Will last."

Harry Minami

EXCERPTS - - - - -

----We have planned a short devotional every morning after we get up and every night before we go to sleep. Although we do not possess fancy and "hi-tone" words to express our love toward God. With that assurance and love in our hearts, I know that He will help us make our little devotional meeting a success.

----I am really glad to say that my faith in our Lord has grown much higher and deeper since leaving camp. With His help I have been able to overcome hardships and temptations. I am reading God's Word now with more interest than I have before.

Your dearest brother
in Christ,
"Ozzie"

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We wish to thank Alice Tanase for her donation to the Church. We're glad to see you well, Alice.

party for choir leader..

Alice Wake was given a surprise party by the choir on Friday night. She will leave tomorrow morning for Cleveland, Ohio.

Alice has been choir directress and deaconess in the church council. She has done much toward building up the D. V. P. S. in Roku III as their superintendent.

DENVER CONFERENCE REPORT

Ministers and lay delegates from all the relocation centers were present at the meeting of the Protestant Commission for Japanese Service, which was opened with Dr. Gordon Chapman presiding. Each center representative was allotted 12 minutes to make a brief report on the activities of the past, the problems of the present, and the plans for the future. In comparison to the other churches, our record in Boston III proved to be pretty favorable in ratio to the population of the camps.

All the camps seemingly faced problems of similar nature. One of these was the exodus of the Nisei preachers and the lack of active Christian workers. This made it necessary to train young high school students to take over the children's group; also bringing in the request for Caucasian workers in these camps.

With the acceleration of the resettlement program came the problem of the future of the Japanese churches. There was a discussion on whether we should have Nisei churches outside or whether we should try to assimilate with the Caucasian churches. Many interesting viewpoints and incidents were brought up, but the conclusion was left for the conference to be held in the late fall or the early winter.

All the reports will be compiled into one general report to be used by the churches to help them in the future. They also are to be used as the basis for the fall conference. Representatives from the various church denominations which made up the Commission were very much interested in the reports and are looking forward to the fall conference in order to solve the bulk of these problems.

C.E. NEWS

Adult and Young Peoples C. E. held a joint meeting last Sunday. Their program was interpretations of religious paintings.

Seniors---Sophie Shizume spoke to the Seniors on "God Using the Humble Servant" with Moses as the example. Smackie Hirashima was the chairman.

Juniors---With Betty Wake leading, the Juniors held a testimonial meeting.

Knowing that any undertaking is fruitless without the blessing of our Lord, we ask for the prayers of our readers to make this Bulletin one filled with spiritual food.